

PREPARE TO GRILL HARDY NATIONALS

National Baseball Commission Will Investigate That Barnstorming Trip.

CHICAGO EXEMPT, PRONOUNCES BAN

Moguls Will Also Take Up Question of Sale of Tickets.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Action on the cases of the players of the Washington American League team who took part in a barnstorming trip hereabouts this fall, probably will be taken by the national commission at a meeting to be held in this city tomorrow morning. At the same time a petition from local baseball patrons calling for an investigation of the sale of tickets for the recent world's series games here will be presented.

The Washington players subjected themselves to investigation by playing games here after their season closed in violation of one of the rules of the commission, and particularly by playing the Logan Squares, which are not in good standing with the commission, because of having harbored ineligible players, according to that body. The Minneapolis players, who also offended against the same rule, will be treated by the minor league governing board before their case is taken up by the commission.

President Johnson of the American League and a national commission member returned from Detroit yesterday, and in discussing the commission meeting said he expected President Tulliam, of the National League, to arrive here today, and that Chairman Hermann, of the commission, would be here tomorrow for the meeting. "The meeting will be held," he said, "to clear the decks of some matters which there was not time to reach during the world series. Among them will be the cases of the Washington players who took part in exhibition games here this fall. Regarding the Minneapolis team, that is a matter for the national association to consider and dispose of first."

Asked if the White Sox were amenable to the same discipline, President Johnson said they were not, as they were playing here in territory which belonged to them, and had not played any games against the Logan Squares, therefore had not defied the published warnings. In advance of action by the commission Mr. Johnson declined to discuss the probable punishment to be inflicted upon the erring players.

G. W. U. MAKES BID FOR RIFLE HONORS

Crack Shots Will Try for Intercollegiate Championship This Winter.

The crack rifle shots of George Washington University are jubilant over their prospects for winning the intercollegiate rifle championship of the United States this year.

In order to obtain the coveted championship trophy, a collegiate team must win the highest number of points three times in succession at intercollegiate rifle meets. It will be remembered that last spring, at Boston, G. W. U. obtained the highest score. The Washington institution was also victorious at the next preceding intercollegiate contest, held in 1906. If the trophy is to remain with the local college it has but to win the 1908 meet. The Washingtonians will be pitted against picked rifle teams representing such institutions as Pennsylvania, Cornell, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and others of the same general class.

Last year, G. W. U. was relegated to second place in the indoor intercollegiate rifle meet by Columbia's scoring five points in excess of the score made by the Washington men.

GEORGETOWN RETURNS BATTERED, BUT GAME

Farmers Employ Advantage in Weight to Break Visitors' Line.

LONE SCORE MADE EARLY IN FIRST

West End Eleven's Splendid Defense Holds Aggies Helpless for Rest of Game.

The Georgetown football team returned this morning from Raleigh, after being defeated by the Mechanical and Agricultural eleven of North Carolina in one of the greatest fights against odds ever seen on the Raleigh grounds by 5 to 0.

The local team was outweighed man for man. The Farmers took advantage of this handicap, and directed their attacks mostly to their opponent's line. In the first half Georgetown gave some pretty exhibitions of end runs, but could not penetrate its opponents' beefy line.

The Aggies scored their first touchdown in the first few minutes of play, owing mostly to the individual playing of Stevens, who ran the team with excellent judgment to Georgetown's 10-yard line, where he skirted the end for the only touchdown of the game.

Second Half. The second half opened with the Farmers kicking to Georgetown. It was at this stage of the game that the local college took a decided brace and for a time played the Aggies off their feet, working the ball up the field where they seriously threatened their opponents' goal. This was done mostly by true forward passes and long end runs, clearly demonstrating and verifying the fact that Georgetown has one of the fastest teams that ever represented the college on the gridiron. This fast onset was not stopped till the Farmers' 3-yard line had been reached, where the Aggies weight again told, and they held, forcing their opponents to punt.

Some of the best defensive work displayed was that of Captain Miller, Georgetown's right end, who was back in the game for the first time since injuries received in a fall two weeks ago.

The Line-up. Georgetown. Positions. A. & M. Lowrey, Carter, L. E., Hartzell, Seifert, O'Rourke, L. T., Von Glahn, Dailey, L. G., Floyd, Gattis, Mott, Eager, Center, Bray, Coniff, R. G., Dunn, Munshall, R. T., Ross, Miller, R. E., Sadler, Wilson, Shea, R. H. B., Thompson, Stuart, Stuttering, Q. B., Stevens, Malier, L. H. B., Spencer, Fitzgerald, F. B., Strow, Long, Touchdowns—Stevens. Referee—Dr. Joel Whitaker. Umpire—A. P. Hall, Swarthmore College. Timekeeper—L. V. Dunlap, University of North Carolina. Chief line-man—O. Max Gardner. Time of halves—25 minutes. Attendance—4,000.

MILITARY PREPS ELECT OFFICERS

Smith Chosen Captain and White Manager of Fast A. & N. Eleven.

At a meeting of the football candidates at the Army and Navy Preparatory School, Smith was elected captain and White manager of the team. The team has been practicing hard for the last few weeks, and looks fairly good. Smith, the new captain, has played on the University of Virginia scrubs, and makes a good quarter.

The Preps open their season with a practice game with Western today. Coach Newberry announced the following line-up as his probable selection: Left tackle, Valentine, left guard, Metzger, center, Hall, right guard, Rowe, right tackle, McDonald or Bullard, right end, Smith, quarterback, Stephen, left halfback, Altemus, right halfback, Porter, fullback.



CAPTAIN MILLER,
Star in Defensive Work.

INJURY TO BURCH IS NOT SERIOUS

Yale Captain, Knocked Unconscious in Scrimmage, Expected Out in Few Days.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 15.—Capt. Robert B. Burch, of Cincinnati, right end on the Yale football eleven, was injured yesterday afternoon at Yale field.

The scrimmage had just begun, when he was thrown by a tackler, and knocked unconscious. The scrimmage was stopped, and the captain taken from the field. He regained consciousness about fifteen minutes later, and was taken back to the campus.

Last night it was reported that Burch's injury was not serious, and it may not keep him out of Saturday's game with West Point, though he will probably be unable to come out for practice tomorrow.

GEORGETOWN PREPS MEET EPISCOPALS

Hilltop Team Will Open Season With Fast Alexandria Eleven.

GAME MAY FIGURE IN TITLE SERIES

High School Team Will Play Washington Squads for the Championship.

PREPS' LINE-UP

Right end—Conley.....	140
Right tackle—Sullivan.....	150
Right guard—Lawler.....	154
Center—O'Brien.....	154
Left guard—Bargeron.....	145
Left tackle—Nawson.....	145
Left end—Haislip.....	141
Quarterback—Gaynor.....	120
Right halfback—McQuail.....	120
Left halfback—Langmuir.....	149
Fullback—Kerwin.....	135

The Georgetown Preparatory School will open the football season Saturday against Episcopal High School, of Alexandria.

The game was originally scheduled to be played in Alexandria, but a recent ruling of the Georgetown faculty compels the Preps to play all games on Georgetown Field, no trips being allowed. Saturday's game will be one of the most important on the Prep list. The Alexandrians apparently have the strongest high school team in the vicinity of Washington this season, and Saturday's contest may eventually decide the preparatory school championship.

In its games this year Episcopal High has rolled up large scores, and the eleven will endeavor to maintain its superb record.

The Georgetown Preps are working under adverse conditions this year. But two members of last year's squad—McQuail and Captain-Elect Gaynor—remain. Kerwin, formerly fullback on Lowell High School, and Lawler, a member of St. Paul Central High School's team last year, are the most promising of the new men. The Georgetown rooters rely on these four men to stop Pendleton and his team mates.

The open date on the varsity schedule Saturday will give the Preps an opportunity of using the big field.

Cheering bands have been organized by the Georgetown undergraduates for the game, and it is expected the Prep school students will produce the appearance of a real varsity game Saturday. Manager Stanton has billed the game for 3:30 o'clock.

CONQUERING CUBS GET GLAD HAND ALL AROUND

World Champions Cheered All Along Road and Greeted by Gladsome Fans Upon Their Return to Windy City.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Chicago's Conquering Cubs again are in their native lair.

The Peerless Leader's peerless combination reached Chicago this morning and received a warm welcome from the fans for having won the world's series for the second time. All along the road to Chicago the Cubs were cheered by enthusiasts.

When the train pulled into Union station here the fans rushed the gates

by storm and individually welcomed the players.

The Cubs won't lose much time about beating it to other points after Sunday's exhibition game with the Tigers, in which the players will appear as individuals and not as clubs and will take all the receipts.

Johnny Evers intends going to California and then to return to his home in Troy.

The majority of the men will go on hunting and fishing trips.

Timely Bits of Post-Season Talk Of Players in Both Big Leagues

There is hope for a remedy of the press box pest now that the baseball writers have organized. So many managers and players are qualifying as critics during the winter season the scribblers may finally get to the ear of government.

President Pulliam and Johnson have positively announced that the double umpire system will be in vogue in both major leagues next year. It means a few more targets for the pop bottle tossers.

The Tigers will take one more fling at the Cubs. Charlie Murphy is playing the Chicago crowd to the end of the string, and has arranged an exhibition game between the teams for Sunday afternoon at the Windy City. It is a benefit to the players, and Frank Chance has kindly consented to loan a few of his stars to Hughie Jennings to make it a contest.

Covaleski, the Quaker southpaw, was a great miner. Probably he is some kind of a pitcher, too, but he will have to make good next year to convince the

public. Plenty of fall phenoms explode the next spring. As long as the English language endures, however, the big Pole is sure of a place on the Gotham Memory wall.

Secretary E. S. Barnard, of the Cleveland club, emphatically denies that Billy Murray was ever offered the management of the Naps, and scouts a five-year \$10,000 contract rumor as the height of nonsense. Barnard says Larry Lagole is good enough for the Forest City, and that the big second baseman will again lead the Blue forces.

Fred Merkle, the young Giant first sacker, has come in for a great deal of ridicule as a result of the stupidity he displayed in not running to second base in that famous game at the Polo Grounds September 21. Undoubtedly censure is due the Toledo recruit, but he did a thing that older ball players might have done and got away with. Boosts instead of knocks are due the youngsters. The veterans get away with a whole lot because they are veterans. No player is perfect at all times. Merkle has been taught a lesson. He paid dearly for it, too. Why not give him a chance to show that he has profited by the experience?

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